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My dear Sir

I believe there are several letters of yours remaining unanswered and I know I have much to thank you for - your excellent text book and especially the splendid set of Allegheny Mosses so beautifully got up by Mr Sullivant and which I prize most highly. - Since January I have been so hard at work at the Labiatae for the Prodromus that I have had no time for anything else. I am about to make a long tour - starting next month for Copenhagen Stockholm & Petersburg then by Moscow to Odessa Constantinople Athens & Italy & shall not be back till this time twelve-months / Mr Bentham going with me / Under these circumstances I was

waiting for a few sheets of Nuttall Hartwegiana now printing which I wish to put into the parcel.

Coulter's Californian collection is very fine - unfortunately there are but few I can obtain for my own herbarium much less any duplicates Hartweg is now approaching that country. He crossed over to Peru & San Blas - then went up to Mazatlan & is I believe to go into California - If he goes into that country I shall have a set of his collections reserved in case you like to take them.

If you have anything to ask or if you will occasionally let me know how things go on in the botanical world on your side of the Atlantic any letters addressed to me 21 Regent Street will be forwarded.

Ever your sincere
George Bentham